What Do I Need to Know to Ride Right?

What vehicle can I ride?

The Shotgun OHV system includes trails open to Class I, II, and III vehicles. However, not every trail is open to all classes. It's important that you refer to trail markers and the OHV map to determine if your vehicle of choice is permitted on any given trail. Trails open to ATVs (Class I) are limited to those less than 50 inches wide.

Where can I ride?

OHVs are allowed on **signed** trails, graveled roads, **signed** paved road segments (i.e., shared-use roads), and staging sites.

What areas or corridors are off-limits?

OHV travel on unsigned trails is prohibited on public and private land. Riding cross-country between signed trails, and on cutbanks and fillslopes is also prohibited. Riding on primitive travel corridors (e.g., skid roads, deer trails, etc.) — regardless of how they originated — is prohibited.



What are the registration requirements?

- ATVs must display a current Class I Off-Road Operating Permit.
- Motorcycles must display a current Class III Off-road Operating Permit.
- OHVs from other states must display an Oregon Non-Resident Off-Road Operating Permit if they do not display a current ATV sticker from their state.

What are the equipment requirements?

- OHVs must be equipped with a Forest Service approved spark arrestor.
- Mufflers must meet current DEQ noise standard level of 99db or less using the
- Headlights and taillights are required during periods of limited visibility.
- All riders under age 18 must wear a helmet.

Do I need a special license?

- Riders must have a valid drivers license, a Class I or III operator permit, or be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older who has a license or permit to operate a Class I or III vehicle.
- You should carry your license or permit at all times while riding.

What else?

- Children under age 7 cannot operate Class III vehicles.
- Operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol is unlawful and dangerous. Don't do it.
- You run the risk of being cited and turning what could have been a terrific outdoor experience into a bad time — if you choose to disobey the rules, ride recklessly, and/or not respect the environment and rights of others (including private landowners).
- Think smart. Act smart. Influence the future positively!